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MEETING OF BURUNDI CABINET AND SUPREME COUNCIL OF ARMED FORCES UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT MICOMBERO JANUARY 14 REAFFIRMED GRB SUPPORT OF MPLA REGIME, DESPITE ITS FAILURE TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTANCE AT OAU SUMMIT. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONDEMNED "THE INTERFERENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND BEHIND IT, ALL THE CRIMINAL MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM FOR WHICH SOUTH AFRICA IS THE BRIDGEHEAD". OUR PRIVATE CHATS WITH MICOMBERO OVER LAST FEW DAYS LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE REMAINS TOTALLY WEDDED TO MPLA BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT ON OTHER SIDE, AND HE IS UNDOUBTEDLY READY TO USE BURUNDI'S SMALL INFLUENCE AND EVEN SMALLER RESOURCES TO DO WHAT HE CAN FOR MPLA'S CAUSE. HOWEVER, IF CLEAR-CUT SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL TOOK PLACE, I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO FIND BURUNDI TAKING A MORE MODERATE STANCE. IT WOULD NOT WITHDRAW ITS OWN RECOGNITION FROM MPLA, BUT IT MIGHT WELL BE WILLING TO HELP WORK OUT GENUINE COMPROMISE OR CONCILIATORY APPROACH, IF ONLY TO GET BACK CLOSER TO RWANDA'S NEUTRALITY AND TO ASSUAGE

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